

Dealer Discusses Collection Of Old Scrap For War Use

More Than 100,000 Pounds Of Iron Moving Out Of Here Each Week

Told that the blast furnaces were closing down because of a shortage of materials, Martin County people and quite a few from Washington and Bertie Counties immediately went into action and on an average more than 100,000 pounds of scrap iron and other metals are moving out of Williamston each week.

The call for old scrap iron and other metals is being repeated day after day, and every farmer and every other person who can get his hands on any of the discarded properties is urged to make deliveries to their dealers.

Discussing the program for collecting scrap materials, Mr. Parker said that there are 75 grades of iron and steel scrap recognized by the government, that the material must be separated at shipping points, that mixed shipments delay operations at the foundries and are not acceptable.

While offering no defense of the scrap iron business, Mr. Parker threw some light on exports to Japan when he said:

"The whole peace policy of the Roosevelt administration was built upon a loosening of shackles on international trade. Any person who believes that any country can exist in a water-tight compartment these days is anachronistic."

"Now, in regard to exports to Japan. From 1933 until October 15, 1940, when an embargo was imposed, American exports of scrap to Japan totaled about 9 3-4 million tons while in the same period our domestic consumption was 209 million tons.

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Asking Court To Set Aside Mother's Will

J. Haywood Rogers appealed to the Martin County Superior Court this week in an effort to have the will of his late mother, Mrs. Minnie V. Rogers, set aside.

Witnessed by Justice J. L. Hassell and the late A. Hassell, the will gave all of Mrs. Rogers' property to Mr. Rogers for the remainder of his natural life, and upon his death \$5 was to go to Haywood Rogers, the caveator, and \$5 and a bedroom suite to Lester Rogers, \$50 to each of her grandchildren and the Askew Place of 180 acres to her son, Minga E. Rogers.

The will case has been tentatively set for consideration before the court at the March term.

MACEDONIA CHURCH OF CHRIST



Located in a small oak grove beside U. S. Highway No. 17, eight miles from Williamston, the Macedonia Church of Christ will be dedicated Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Dedicate Church Near Here Sunday Morning

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Carrying the "March of Dimes" program into the Bear Grass and Farm Life communities this week, Iverson Skinner, county chairman of the drive to raise funds for the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, stated that a hearty response was received to the appeal in both communities.

At Farm Life last evening, approximately 300 persons heard the program, the meeting netting \$30.25. Next Thursday night the campaign will be brought to a close with a program in the Hamilton school.

Judge R. L. Coburn Holds Short Session Of Recorder's Court

Only Four Cases On Docket For Trial and One Defendant Failed To Appear

In one of the shortest sessions in months, Judge Robert L. Coburn cleared the docket and adjourned the last Monday session of the county recorder's court within forty minutes.

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Wrecking a large transport truck on the river fill last Friday, Norton was arrested and booked on a drunken driving charge. It is possible he went to his home if Seville, Florida, to handle details with his company before returning to the county for trial.

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TO SEE SUNRISE

Quite a few people stand a good chance to see the sun rise on and after February 9th, for on that date the daylight saving schedule becomes effective.

The sun will just be coming over the eastern horizon at 8:00 o'clock, new time, on Monday, February 9th, but within the few following weeks it will be plenty high before many persons will have to get up to start the daily grind.

REMEMBRANCES

By CHAS. SMALLWOOD Williamston, N. C. DURING 1870's and '80's

My narration of the burning of Williamston Wharf, appears to have been a misconception. The wharf at the foot of Main Street did not burn as mentioned, but the railroad wharf (a little further down stream) the warehouse and steamer Commerce, did burn, and on the same night as was the "big fire"; the enormity and direct importance of the latter, seemed to overwhelm that of the former, and caused it to sit lightly on my memory; hence, the jumble in my journal.

In enumerating numerous marriages between Williamston and Washington folk, I failed to mention that of Mr. Claud Keith, of Williamston, and Miss Eliza Hodges, of Washington and Beaufort County. She was the daughter of my father's good friend and business associate, Mr. Ed Hodges.

Their mother, Mrs. Ed Hodges, died the year after I left Williamston to plant that corn and cotton crop which was to claim my attention instead of Mr. Biggs' drug store.

Just recently completed at an estimated cost of \$10,000, the new and handsome Macedonia Church of Christ, about eight miles from Williamston on United States Highway No. 17, will be dedicated Sunday morning, the event to climax a willing and cooperative effort on the part of the membership and friends to promote lasting religious ideals for the little Christian community and its people.

Dating back almost 100 years, the Macedonia Church of Christ has had an interesting history which during that long period was featured by the foresight of liberal leaders and a willing cooperation on the part of the people in the community. No original records are available, but a later minute book shows that Millie Woolard was received into the fellowship of the church some time prior to the year 1844.

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Leary Out Of Race For Bonner's Seat

Announcing his withdrawal this week, Herbert Leary, Edenton man, leaves only two candidates in the race for the First District seat in the National House of Representatives.

"Many changes of a momentous nature have occurred since last spring, and after serious reflection I have decided to withdraw from the congressional race and become a candidate for the State senate in the May primary," Mr. Leary was quoted as saying.

TOWN BOARD

Official action to enforce an all-out blackout if and when one is ordered here, is expected at the hands of the town commissioners when they hold their regular meeting next Monday evening.

The appointment of a fifth commissioner to succeed M. Luther Peel, resigned, is also scheduled for consideration at the meeting next Monday. "No other business is on the calendar," the mayor said.

Marginal Farmers Apply For Seed-Feed Loans In County

Fifty Martin County farmers, working on a narrow margin, have filed applications so far for seed and feed loans, W. B. Watts, agent in the county agricultural building, said this week.

It would appear that the number of borrowers this year will be greater than in 1941, Mr. Watts stating that he could assign no one definite reason for the increase. It is possible that more of the marginal farmers—farmers who are hardly eligible to borrow from regular private agencies or from other government organizations—are not looking to the time merchant to finance them this year.

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Plans Completed For Handling Registration

Eight Registration Centers Will Open In County Feb. 16

Supervisors Named By Draft Board; Assistants Are Asked To Volunteer

Tentative plans prepared by the draft board have been approved by the State Selective Service Board in Raleigh and this county is now about lined up to handle the draft registration on Monday, February 16th between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9:30 p. m.

Eight registration centers will be maintained in the county, the board official explaining that the first set-up calling for only four registration places would have caused an inconvenience for some of those who are directed to register. Registrations will be handled at Jamesville, Farm Life, Bear Grass, Williamston, Everettts, Robersonville, Hamilton and Oak City.

The supervisors are calling for volunteers to assist the work. According to present plans, the task will require the services of about 65 registrars or volunteers. That number, it is estimated, will make it possible to handle the work without delay to the registrants.

Registrants, it was pointed out, may register at any one of the registration centers or where it is most convenient for them to do so. Young men who became 20 years of age on or before last December 31 and those men who have not reached their 45th birthday on or before February 16 must register, excepting those of course who had registered in either one of the two previous draft registrations.

A school of instruction for the supervisors and registrars will be held in the county courthouse on the evening of Monday, February 9th, at 8 o'clock when the forms will be explained along with other details for handling the registration.

Draft board officials, under whose supervision the registration will be held, are asking everyone who can and will to assist in the work. While "flying squadrons" will possibly go direct to most of the larger industrial plants in the county, most of those subject to the registration call will have to report to one of the centers, and in those cases employers are urged to make arrangements for their employees to meet the requirement and furnish, if necessary, transportation for them to and from the places of registration.

Minor Accident Near Parmele Wednesday

No one was hurt and very little property damage resulted in a minor automobile accident, near Parmele, Wednesday morning around 10 o'clock.

Rolley Tillery, driving west toward Parmele, stopped in the road when the gasoline supply ran out. William Taylor Everett, driving in the same direction, struck the car from behind and knocked it off the road. The old 33 model Tillery Chevrolet was damaged to the extent of about \$8 and the damage to the Everett car was estimated by Patrolman Whit Saunders at \$50.

greater than in 1941. To date, approximately \$9,295 has been advanced the fifty applicants.

Commenting on the agency's work this year, Mr. Watts stated that very few farmers were asking for the maximum amount allowed. "They are a very conservative group," he said. While they want enough to buy their seed and fertilizers, they don't seem to want to borrow for financing the operation of cars or for other purposes, Mr. Watts adding that few even had cars.

Unofficial reports state that the 98 loans advanced in this county last year have been retired in their entirety.

Beginning next week, the office will be open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in the agricultural building.

ENTERING ARMY



Holding a first lieutenant's commission in the Army Reserve Corps, Mr. Sam Woolford leaves tomorrow for active service in the armed forces.

Tomorrow Last Day To List Properties For 1942 Taxation

Members of the Armed Forces Must List Property As Usual

Incomplete reports from the several townships today indicated that possibly more than 99 per cent of the citizens subject to taxation in this county would have their names on the books before tomorrow is out.

There is little likelihood that any extension for listing will be granted by the commissioners in their regular meeting next Monday, and all those who list after tomorrow will be subjected to a late-listing penalty of 10 per cent. Care is also being exercised in checking up on those who refuse or otherwise fail to list.

According to official instructions, members of the armed forces must also list their properties, but county tax officials are not expected to apply the penalty in those cases where members of the armed services are late in getting their names on the books.

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BOAT TAX STAMPS

Owners of boats are reminded that the Federal use tax imposed on all boats becomes effective February 1st, and stamps signifying the tax has been paid may be obtained from C. H. Robertson, collector of internal revenue at Greensboro.

The amount of the tax varies according to the overall length of boats, propelled by machinery, sail, or both, beginning with \$5 for boats 16 feet in overall length and ranging up to a maximum of \$200 for boats over 200 feet in length. The tax is to be paid when the boat is first used. Application form 732 may be obtained from the collector on request.

MacArthur Holds In Bataan While Japs Win In Other Areas

Drive Within Thirty Miles of Singapore; Bengasi Again In Hands of Axis

Despite marked blows dealt by allied forces during the past week, the reckless yellow-coated Japs are pushing their drives toward strategic goals in the far Pacific and creating a critical situation for Britain's important base at Singapore. While the Japs push southward in the Pacific, they are meeting certain death and destruction at the hands of General Douglas MacArthur and his indomitable forces on the Bataan battle line in the Philippines.

Following the Malaya railway down the center of the British line, the Japs are within 14 miles of the important Singapore base. The fate of the strategic point rests with reinforcements which, according to Prime Minister Churchill, are on the way to the defenders. Late reports state that the base is now in a state of siege and that the situation is critical.

The running naval and air battles in the Strait of Malacca between Borneo and the Celebes will long be remembered by the Japs but even though they have lost nearly half of their 100 ships traveling south through the strait they continue their push and are forcing defenders back at important points in the Netherlands East Indies and drawing nearer to Australia. Scorched earth policies are in effect, but despite everything, the Japs continue their travels.

Chinese military intelligence outlined the movement of the Japs recently as follows: In Malaya, the Japs have 150,000 men; in Thailand and French Indo-China about 100,000 men; about 125,000 men in Philippines even after the slaughter by General MacArthur and his men, and in Borneo 25,000 men. The Japs have drawn 400,000 men from China garrisons, leaving 600,000 there. Just a few days ago, according to the Chinese intelligence, trains are moving hundreds of tons of gasoline on the southeast Indo-China coast into the interior.

The indomitable Dutch are maintaining their record, a late report stating that in the first 54 days of the war they had sunk 54 Jap ships.

Hardly before they had repulsed another attack, General MacArthur and his men are now bracing themselves for another drive by the Jap hordes who are receiving reinforcements in both equipment and men.

Facing defeat in Russia and speaking just when his right front is about to crumble under the weight of a strong Russia drive in the South, Hitler, after telling his people that the war would end in 1942, said today that he did not know whether the war would end in 1942. Observers, returning this week from the Mediterranean area, believe the struggle will last from three to five years longer. The story in Russia is Hitler's main worry at the moment, and apparently to offset his reverses there he spent an hour of his speech today—blaming everybody else for everything he denounced Woodrow Wilson, the British, President Roosevelt, the United States, Russia, and declared that if the war had not been thrust on Germany he would have gone down in history as the greatest creator of peace the world had ever known.

In Rangoon, British and American volunteer airmen shot down twelve out of forty Jap planes today without a single loss of their own. A report from Melbourne, Australia, this afternoon stated that American airplane reinforcements were moving to the Netherlands East Indies on a large scale.

The bad British situation in Libya is being aggravated by the Germans who, after taking Bengasi, are pushing on up the coast. While the drive is discounted by some observers, some believe that the Axis are placing much importance on it as a joint effort of the Japanese to continue in the direction of India.

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Advisory Council Will Be Installed

A number of citizens of this section will visit the Williamston office of the United States Employment Service tonight at 7:30, when the local advisory council will be installed. Members of this council, recently named for this area by Governor Broughton, include George H. Harrison, Francis M. Manning, Herman A. Bowen, Hugh Horton, R. W. Bondurant and Mrs. Elbert Peel, of Williamston, and J. C. Swain, of Plymouth.